GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:279
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2002
SETTING UP OF HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECTS
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provide financial assistance for renovation of small hydel power stations;

(b) if so, whether vide its Notification No. 14.2.2000 S.H.P. dated May 19, 2000has decided to undertake the renovation of only those hydel power stations which were established before April 1, 1992;

(c) if so, whether all the small hydel power stations of Bihar have been established after April, 1992 due to which financial assistance has not been provided for its system improvement; and

(d) if so, the form in which the Government propose to provide financial assistance for the renovation of the hydel power stations of Bihar which were established after April 1, 1992 ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.279 for 21.3.2002 regarding Setting up of Hydro Electric Projects by Dr. Raghuvansh Prasad Singh.

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): The State of Bihar has 4 small hydro power projects.One project was commissioned before April, 1992 and other 3 projects were commissioned after 1st April, 1992. The SHP projects which have been commissioned after 1st April, 1992 are at present not eligible for the financial assistance under the Renovation & Modernization (R&M) scheme of MNES.The objective of this provision is to ensure that the projects perform as per their design parameters and capacity for at least 10-15 years. Hydro projects normally run much longer than this. However, a specific request was received from Bihar State Hydro Power Corporation (BHPC) to consider the 3 projects in Bihar commissioned after 1st April, 1992 under the R&M scheme.A team has already visited all the 3 projects in Bihar to examine the technical feasibility of these projects and their report is awaited.